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Docket No.: 54570US002

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Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In re Application of: Clayton A. George, Paul D. Driscoll, Stephen R. Hartshorn and Morgan J. Tamsky
Application No. : 09/299,965
Filed: April 26, 1999
Title: CURABLE MECHANICAL FASTENERS

Group Art Unit: 1733
Examiner: J. Aftergut

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment Trans. Ltr. (1 pg.); Response and Amendment (8 pgs.)
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/Supplemental IDS
- iv. ☐ Other

2. ☒ A Request for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently.

3. **Fees** (The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees or credit any overpayments to:
Deposit Account No. 13-3723. **A duplicate copy of this letter for fees processing is enclosed.**
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Other

Respectfully submitted,

March 19, 2004

Date

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed September 17, 2003 and the Notice of Appeal mailed December 17, 2003, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. Entry of the amendments and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections for the reasons discussed below are respectfully requested.

A separate Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and authorization to charge the extension of time fee to Assignee's deposit account is included with this Amendment.

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Attached is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee for this amendment is computed as follows:

| Claims As Amended | | | | | | |
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| (1) | (2) Claims Remaining After Amendment | (3) | (4) Highest No. Previously Paid For | (5) Present Extra | (6) Rate | (7) Additional Fee |
| Total Claims | 24 | Minus | ** 26 | 0 | x \$18.00 | \$0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 2 | Minus | *** 3 | 0 | x \$86.00 | \$0.00 |
| Additional fee for filing one or more multiple dependent claims, if no such fee has been previously paid | | | | | \$290.00 | |
| Total Additional Fee For This Amendment → | | | | | | \$0.00 |
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Please charge to Deposit Account 13-3723 any fees under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application. This authorization includes the fee for any extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) that may be necessary. To the extent any such extension should become necessary, it is hereby requested. One copy of this sheet marked duplicate is also enclosed.

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